

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SUBMITTAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY
SITING LICENSE APPLICATION**

APPLICANT:

US Ecology Idaho, Inc.
PO Box 400
Grand View, Idaho 83624

PURPOSE:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) hereby gives notice that US Ecology Idaho, Inc., (USEI) has submitted a Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application to expand an existing hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility located near Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The purpose of this Public Notice is to familiarize the public with the location and provide a description of the proposed facility, description of the proposed actions, description of the procedure by which a siting license may be granted, and the location where the complete application package may be reviewed and where copies may be obtained. This is not an invitation for public comment. The public comment period will take place later in the process after a draft license is completed. Notice of the public comment period will be provided.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

USEI has proposed to expand the existing permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility located near Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho. Specifically, this siting license request is for siting the remainder of the land area of Section 19 and phased construction of new land disposal cells within this area. These new land disposal cells will be utilized after the existing land disposal cell reaches capacity. The siting license application was received by DEQ on June 30, 2006. The siting application was determined to be complete by DEQ on July 25, 2006.

FACILITY LOCATION:

The facility to be expanded is located 10.5 miles northwest of Grand View, Idaho on State Highway 78, off of Lemley Road. A map depicting the location is appended hereto.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY LICENSE APPLICATION:

The Idaho Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Act, Idaho Code § 39-5801, *et seq.*, requires an applicant to submit a complete siting license application to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The Act

is not intended to duplicate the existing Hazardous Waste Management Act permitting process as set forth in Idaho Code § 39-4401, *et seq.* The site license is based on a preliminary, general review, as compared to the specific, detailed information required for the Hazardous Waste Management Act permit. As set forth in Idaho Code § 39-5813(1), an application must include the following:

- a) The name and residence of the applicant;
- b) The location of the proposed hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility;
- c) Engineering or hydrogeologic information to indicate compliance with technical criteria as adopted in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan (for disposal facilities);
- d) A description of the types of wastes proposed to be handled at the facility;
- e) Information showing that harm to scenic, historic, cultural or recreational values is not substantial or can be mitigated;
- f) Information showing that the risk and impact of accident during transport of hazardous waste is not substantial or can be mitigated; and
- g) Information showing that the impact on local government is not adverse regarding health, safety, cost and consistency with local planning and existing development or can be mitigated.

SITE APPLICATION REVIEW:

Upon receipt of a complete application, the Department performs a review of the Minimum Technical Siting Criteria contained in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan approved by the Idaho Legislature, March 9, 1987, as set forth in Idaho Code § 39-5806 and prepares a draft site license. A Site Review Panel is created consisting of members of the public, state government, and the hazardous waste industry. The panel consists of ten members which, when reviewing the draft license, shall consider, among other things, the risk and impact of accident during transport, the risk of fire and explosion, the impact on local units of government, and the nature of environmental impact. The panel shall set a date for and arrange for public notice of a public hearing in a newspaper having major circulation in the vicinity of the proposed site. The public can submit comments to the panel either at the hearing or in writing for a period up to 15 days following the public hearing. The panel's primary responsibility is to consider the concerns and objections raised by the public as part of the public

comment period. The panel shall facilitate efforts to provide that the concerns and objections are mitigated by proposing additional conditions regarding the construction of the facility where determined necessary. The panel may propose conditions which integrate the provisions of city or county ordinances, permits or regulations. Within ninety (90) days after creation of the Panel, the Panel recommends to the Director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality whether the site license should be granted as drafted, modified or denied. The Director shall issue a siting license if he/she determines that:

- the technical criteria are met;
- the harm to scenic, historic, cultural or recreational values is not substantial or can be mitigated;
- the risk and impact of accident during transportation of hazardous waste is not substantial or can be mitigated;
- the impact on local government is not adverse regarding health, safety, cost and consistency with local planning and existing development or can be mitigated;
- No other major concerns have been raised by the panel regarding public health or the environment which cannot be mitigated.

THE COMPLETE APPLICATION:

Interested persons are invited to review the application for the proposed expansion of the existing hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility at the following locations:

- Waste Management & Remediation Division
Department of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton – 2nd Floor
Boise, ID 83706-1255
- Eastern Owyhee County Library
520 Boise Ave
Grand View, ID 83624

- Boise Regional Office
Department of Environmental Quality
1445 N. Orchard
Boise, ID 83706

Copies of the application can be obtained upon request from:

Waste Management & Remediation Division
Department of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton – 2nd Floor
Boise, ID 83706-1255

Any questions concerning the application or the review process should be directed to Mr. John Brueck, Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Panel Chairman, at (208) 373-0502 or John.Brueck@deq.idaho.gov

